Details of Crews Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

752. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Crews Pharmaceuticals Ltd. have not provided the details of production, utilisation of production, opening and closing stocks of the period from which the price of Cobiflam was overcharged till the date of implementation of fixed price;

(b) when such information was called;

(c) what steps have been taken to obtain the information;

(d) whether his Ministry have worked out any tentative amount overcharged by the company; and

(e) if so, the amount assessed and the period for which liability was assessed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Based on the relevant details made available to the Government by the Company a tentative overcharged amount of Rs. 710.27 lakhs has been worked out for the period from November, 1986 to December, 1988. The company implemented the Government fixed price sometime in August, 1989.

Importing of Dexamethasone by M/s. Infar

753. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Infar is importing Dexamethasone and not producing in the country;

(b) if so, what was the quantity imported during the last three years, year-wise and what was the CIF Value per year;

(c) what are the names of formulations being marketed by the company and what was the price fixed for each pack and strength of each formulation;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the company have overcharged the prices of Metocloporamide formulations and Dexa topic cream; and

(e) if so, when the price of each pack was fixed and what was the price being charged and since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Import of drugs by individual companies is not monitored. No licence has been issued to M/s. Infar (India) Ltd. for the manufacture of Dexamethasone:

(c) To the extent available, the information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(d) and (e) M/s. Infar (I) Ltd. are exempt from price control in respect of their bulk drug Metaclopramide and their formulations based thereupon till 31st January, 1994 on the grounds of indigenous research and development.

As regards the Dexatopic Cream, the company was selling the same as a decontrolled formulation till September, 1990 when Government fixed its price *suo-moto*. In order to work out the amount of unintended benefit the company has been asked to furnish certain details to the Government. After the fixation of price of Dexatopic Cream by the Government, the company has discontinued its production.